

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN CINDY YOUNKIN**, on April 7, 2003 at 3:12 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Cindy Younkin, Chairman (R)
Rep. Gail Gutsche, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Kim Gillan (D)
Rep. Christopher Harris (D)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Michael Lange (R)
Rep. Rick Maedje (R)
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)
Rep. Brad Newman (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Scott Sales (R)
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Jim Peterson, Vice Chairman
Rep. Larry Cyr

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary
Larry Mitchell, Legislative Branch

Video-taped Committee: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society. THE TIME STAMP REPRESENTS ELAPSED TIME.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HJR 37, 3/25/2003; HJR 40,
3/31/2003; SB 446, 4/1/2003
Executive Action: HJR 42, DO PASS, 16-0
HJR 40, DO PASS, 16-0
HJR 37, DO PASS, 15-1
SB 446, BE CONCURRED IN, 14-2
SB 416, TABLED

HEARING ON HJR 37

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:00 REP. NOENNIG, HD 9 -- Short Title: Interim study of
subdivision and platting act.

Proponents' Testimony:

03:00 Tim Davis, Smart Growth Coalition
05:00 Peggy Trenk, Montana Association of Realtors
06:00 Ann Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

07:00

HEARING ON HJR 40

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:00 REP. YOUNKIN, HD 28 -- Short Title: Study effect of
ponds on water use.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:00 Jack Stults, Water Resources Division, Department of
Natural Resources

EXHIBIT (nah74a01)

EXHIBIT (nah74a02)

EXHIBIT (nah74a03)

17:00 John Wilson, Montana Trout Unlimited

21:00 Larry Peterman, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

EXHIBIT (nah74a04)

EXHIBIT (nah74a05)

23:00 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon Society

24:00 Holly Franz, Pacific Power and Light, Montana Water
Resources Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

24:00

Closing by Sponsor:

28:00

HEARING ON SB 446

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:00 **SEN. BARKUS, SD 39 -- Short Title:** Transfer Flathead
Basin Commission to DNRC.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

31:00

Closing by Sponsor:

34:00

HEARING ON HJR 42

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

35:00 **REP. LINDEEN, HD 7 -- Short Title:** Study coal mine
reclamation laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

36:00 Jim Mockler, Montana Coal Council
37:00 Jeff Barber, Montana Environmental Information Center
39:00 Cody Ferguson, Northern Plains Resource Council
40:00 Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

43:00 Steve Welch, Department of Environmental Quality

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

43:00

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJR 42

Motion/Vote: REP. GUTSCHE moved that HJR 42 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously 16-0 by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJR 40

Motion/Vote: REP. GUTSCHE moved that HJR 40 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously 16-0 by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJR 37

Motion/Vote: REP. LAMBERT moved that HJR 37 DO PASS. Motion carried 15-1 with REP. NEWMAN voting no by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 446

Motion/Vote: REP. LAMBERT moved that SB 446 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried 14-2 with REPS. DICKENSON and NEWMAN voting no by voice vote. REP. BRUEGGEMAN will carry SB 446.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 416

Motion/Vote: REP. HARRIS moved that SB 416 BE TABLED. Motion carried unanimously 16-0 by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJR 19

Motion/Vote: REP. MAEDJE moved that SJR 19 BE REMOVED FROM THE TABLE. Motion failed 7-9 with REPS. BARRETT, EVERETT, LAMBERT, LANGE, MAEDJE, ROSS, and YOUNKIN voting aye by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:09 P.M.

REP. CINDY YOUNKIN, Chairman

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (nah74aad)